

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## TRIBUTE TO MIGDALIA PEREZ

### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 23, 1995*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and pay tribute to an outstanding citizen of Indiana's First Congressional District, Ms. Migdalia Perez. On Monday, February 27, 1995, Ms. Migdalia will be honored as one of the recipients of the National Association of Private Industry Councils [NAPIC] 1995 distinguished participant awards. This event will take place at the NAPIC's conference in Washington, DC.

Ms. Perez, a resident of Portage, IN, is the only individual in the State of Indiana who is being honored, and 1 of 10 throughout the country. This is the first time a Hoosier is being honored by NAPIC. Moreover, on August 30, 1994, Migdalia was honored for successfully completing training programs through Kankakee Workforce Development Services. This award was part of an annual award ceremony honoring statewide graduates of the Indiana Workforce Development System.

Migdalia came to the United States from Puerto Rico with her husband, Alex, who suffers from muscular dystrophy. In order to succeed in the United States, Migdalia learned to read English. She then entered school at IVY Tech in the respiratory technician program while continuing to receive tutoring through the Portage Adult Education Center. At IVY Tech, Migdalia made the dean's list three consecutive semesters. Currently, she is employed as a respiratory technician at Methodist Hospital in Gary, IN. Migdalia and her husband now have two children, Alex and Danny. She is an excellent role model for her children and family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in honoring this amazing woman, not only for her commitment to betterment of her self and her family, but for becoming a remarkable role model for her community.

## BROOKLYN IRISH-AMERICAN PARADE

### HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 23, 1995*

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Brooklyn Irish-American Parade Committee on the occasion of its 20th annual parade.

The Irish-American community in Brooklyn is one of the oldest and most active groups in the borough. The annual parade highlights the cultural, educational, and historical accomplishments of the Irish community and fosters an appreciation of Irish heritage. It is a festive event that is among the most important traditions in Brooklyn.

This parade is dedicated to the memory of Kaye Brideson, a member of the parade founding committee and a former columnist of the Home Reporter newspaper. The theme of this year's parade is "An Gorta Mor"—The Great Famine—which struck Ireland from 1845 to 1850. The parade committee and the Irish-American community will remember and honor the millions who died in Ireland of hunger and disease during The Great Famine and the thousands more that perished on coffin ships in their escape to America.

I would like to thank the parade committee for organizing this truly outstanding event.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SPEECH OF

### HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 22, 1995*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank my distinguished colleagues from Ohio and New Jersey, Messrs. STOKES and PAYNE, for calling this special order on Black History Month and choosing this year's appropriate theme; Reflections on 1895: Douglass, DuBois, Washington.

This theme sets forth the resolve, dedication and commitment of three giants, Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. DuBois, and Booker T. Washington, who were profound scholars and leaders.

Their determination to change the course of history for African-Americans have inspired peoples of all races to continue fighting for freedom, equal access, and justice—without regard to skin color.

The goals that these leaders championed in the 19th century remain every bit as significant today. The only thing that has changed is the scope of their dreams and the new challenges that face the African-American community.

Like Frederick Douglass, African-American community leaders and organizations are united in their efforts to achieve greater political equality for all citizens of color.

In the city of San Francisco, Eva Patterson has worked as a tireless advocate for political, economic, and social justice. As the executive director of the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights, Ms. Patterson continues to be an eloquent spokesperson on human and civil rights issues, and leads an organization which is known nationwide for its effective advocacy on behalf of the poor, the oppressed, and the ignored of our society.

As the first African-American to receive a Ph.D. in history from Harvard University, W.E.B. DuBois understood that education represented the key to economic advancement and remained an activist for expanded educational opportunities for African-Americans until he died in 1963.

Like Dr. DuBois, Larry Gray, of the San Francisco Midnight Basketball League, has also worked to expand educational opportuni-

ties for young African-American men in San Francisco's western addition. Larry Gray, an ex-NBA player, is a role model to the youth of San Francisco, emphasizing the value of education, job training, and peer support in the development of African-American youth.

Also like Dr. DuBois, another African-American, Cmdr. Richard Holder, has stressed the importance of self-sufficiency and achievement in his career.

Commander Holder, the head of San Francisco's Special Operations Division, is the highest-ranking African-American in the San Francisco Police Department. He is known for his commitment to assisting his community through initiating community policing, participating in neighborhood organizations, and serving as a role model to all young people in San Francisco.

Like Booker T. Washington, who concentrated on the economic development of African-Americans, Etienne Le Grande has developed an organization devoted to economic empowerment. As executive director and founder of WISE—Women Initiatives for Self-Employment—Etienne has become a leader in small business creation and incubation in the San Francisco Bay Area. Through her efforts, hundreds of women, primarily low-income and minority, have been helped in finding and realizing their dreams of ownership and self-sufficiency.

Mr. Speaker, I am fortunate to represent California's 8th Congressional District and to work with the many outstanding African-American leaders and community organizations based in the city of San Francisco.

I have had the privilege of extolling the achievements of other African-American leaders on previous occasions, and there are many more yet to recognize. But recognizing them for their work is not enough: we, as Members of Congress honoring Black History Month, must pledge to support their efforts and enable them to continue their efforts until true economic, social, and political justice is achieved.

As we work toward greater equality and freedom in our society, we must remind ourselves that the efforts of Mr. Gray, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Holder, and Ms. Le Grande, and their predecessors, represent struggles that deserve credit and appreciation every day—not just during Black History Month.

## ROLLING BACK THE REGULATORY TIDE

### HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 23, 1995*

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, yesterday marked day 50 of our Republican Contract With America. Today we continue to move forward to carry out our mandate with the people. We promise to work to make Government smaller, less costly, and less intrusive. The

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